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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District No. 26.

Historic American Buildings Survey
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HOBSON LAW OFFICE
DU PAGE COUNTY
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOISDISTRICT NO. 26
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Project No. 26-33EARL H. REED, JR.
DISTRICT OFFICER
By Richard Wall.SOURCE

County	Description of Lot. North 30' of Lot #9,
Records	Block #13 of assessors subdivision of Naperville.

From a booklet published in 1931, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Naperville, and containing much historical data, we found the following information.

"In this home, Stephen A. Douglas was entertained by R.N. Murray in 1856."

"At this time, Sept. 27, 1856, Douglas spoke in Naperville at a Democratic meeting, held in a grove at Jefferson and Eagle Streets. A snow storm drove the crowd into the basement of this Academy, where his speech was finished."

"R.N. Murray was proprietor of the 2nd hotel in Naperville, called the New York House.

The building now is in poor condition, is located in the center of the old business district, and is hemmed in by business buildings.

It is unfortunate that no information is obtainable regarding the author of the design, or the builder of this interesting little frame structure. Even the traditional date of its erection, 1845 cannot be verified. It is best known in the neighborhood as the "Hobson Law Office" having served in the late fifties as the office of a prominent county attorney. Title to the land was originally taken by Joseph Naper in 1793 who held it till 1842. Clarissa Hobson held title in 1857-65 and since 1923 the property has been owned by the "Limited Club", a drinking club. At present it is occupied only by a caretaker and is in a bad state of repair.

April 26, 1934

By

Richard Wall

Approved

Emerson Reed
District Officer*Reviewed 1936 by H.C.F.*